GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department – Allegations of irregularities in misappropriating the Gram Panchayat Funds by Sri J. Rajasekhara Rao, the then Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Santhamaguluru & Special Officer of Elchur Gram Panchayat of Prakasam District (now retired) - Disciplinary proceedings under Rule 20 of the A.P.Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 r/w Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules,1980 – Article of Charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (Vig.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.384 **Dated.30.06.2023**

Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.56 , PR & RD (Vig.IV) Department, Dt:30.06.2023.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub rule (2) of Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri J.Rajasekhara Rao, the then Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Santhamaguluru & Special Officer of Elchur Gram Panchayat of Prakasam District (now retired) vide reference read above, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against the said Sri J.Rajasekhara Rao, Retired Mandal Parishad Development Officer, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of charges (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which, and list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are enclosed at (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri J.Rajasekhara Rao, the then Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Santhamaguluru & Special Officer of Elchur Gram Panchayat of Prakasam District (Now Retired), is directed to submit a written statement of defense within Ten [10] days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri J.Rajasekhara Rao, the then Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Santhamaguluru & Special Officer of Elchur Gram Panchayat of Prakasam District (Now Retired), is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri J.Rajasekhara Rao, the then Mandal Parishad Development Officer,, Santhamaguluru & Special Officer of Elchur Gram Panchayat of Prakasam District (Now Retired) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para-[3] above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of A.P.Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri J. Rajasekhara Rao, the then Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Santhamaguluru & Special Officer of Elchur Gram Panchayat of Prakasam District is invited to the Rule 24 of the A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964,

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under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri J. Rajasekhara Rao, the then Mandal Parishad Development Officer,
Santhamaguluru & Special Officer of Elchur Gram Panchayat of Prakasam District(Now Retired) **through** the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development,
Tadepalli, Guntur District. (with a request to serve the orders on the individual and furnish served copy immediately to the Government).
Copy to:-
The Secretary to APVC, Velagapudi
The P.S to Dy.Chief Minister.(PR &RD)
The P.S to the Spl.Chief Secretary to Government (PR & RD)
SF/SCs.

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI J.RAJASEKHARA RAO, RETIRED MANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MANDAL PRAJA PARISHAD, SANTHAMAGULUR MANDAL OF ERSTWHILE PRAKASAM DISTRICT

CHARGE-1:-

That Sri J. Rajasekhar Rao, Retd Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Santhamagulur of Prakasam District, while working Special Officer, Elchuru Gram Panchayat, Santhamagulur Mandal of Prakasam District executed (10) works under MGNREGS (SC Component). He had embezzled Government money to a tune of Rs. 55,36,860. Thereby, Sri J.Rajasekhara Rao Retired Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Santhamaguluru failed to discharge his duties as responsible Government Servant and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant in contravention of Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence the Charge.

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI J.RAJASEKHARA RAO, RETIRED MANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MANDAL PRAJA PARISHAD, SANTHAMAGULUR MANDAL OF ERSTWHILE PRAKASAM DISTRICT.

Basis of the Charge:

Letter Rc.No.B/127/2022-1. dated: 01.04.2022 of the District Collector and Chairman, DWMA, Prakasam District, Ongole.

Sri D.Galalah and Sri T.Desinga Raju of Elchuru Grama panchayat of Santhamaguluru Mandal approached the District Collector, Prakasam District, Ongole and fled a written compliant stating that they have executed (10) works with MGNREGS funds (SC Component) in Elchur Grama Panchayat But the amounts were released to Grama Panchayat and they were swallowed by the then Special Officer of Elchuru Grama Panchayat i.e., Sri J.Rajasekhara Rao, Retired Mandal Parishad Development Officer of Santhamagulruu.

The Project Director, DWMA, Prakasam District Ongole enquired the contents of the petition and verifed them with reference to records and submitted a report to the District Collector & Chairman DWMA Prakasam District on 21.03.2022. He stated that (10) works were executed during January, 2019 and measurements were recorded by A.E.E., Special works PRI Sub Division, Ongole for payment on the dates mentioned in column nos.2 & 3 respectively. Accordingly, FTOs were uploaded to the amounts passed by the EE, PRI Division, Ongole for the values recorded in M.Books. Accordingly, the following amounts were credited to the S.B Account Number 3654101003074 of Canara Bank, Elchuru in the name of Grama Panchayat, Elchuru on 31.03.2019. The amount relates to SC component.

Sl.No.	Date of credit	Amount credited (Rs)
1	2	3
1	31.03.2019	4,03,903
2	31.03.2019	4,05,740
3	31.03.2019	3,85,853
4	31.03.2019	4,03,813
5	31.03.2019	4,04,308
6	31.03.2019	4,05,582
7	31.03.2019	3,58,289
8	31.03.2019	4,04,938
9	31.03.2019	4,01,997
10	31.03.2019	4,05,349
	Total:	39,79,772/-

Out of the above amounts credited to the bank account of the Grama Panchayat, Elchuru, the Special Officer of Grama Panchayat, Elchuru drawn the following amounts by way of cheques and transferred amounts to the following individuals. The details of cheque numbers and payments made to whom are shown below.

Sl.No.	Cheque No	Date	Amount drawn by cheque Rs.	Amount paid to the individual by transfer	To whom it was paid	Rmarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	800013	03.04.2019	16,000	16,00,000	V.Narasimha Reddy	
2	800014	03.04.2019	11,08,000	5,40,000	S.Jyothirmai	Wife
3				5,68,000	Mamillapalli Chandrmouli	
4	800015	04.04.2019	10,44,500	3,50,000	O.Namrata	
5				1,00,000	Kunchala Pitchaiah	
6				3,00,000	Y.Avinash Reddy	
7				2,65,500	B.Ankamma Rao	
8				69,000	Aravapalli Venkateswarlu	
9	800016	04.04.2019	14,49,360	1,41,860	Shaik Nagur Meera	
10				3,17,500	Usha Enterprise,Addanki	Paid to the firm
11				1,10,000	Sk.Hussain	
12				6,00,000	Danda Venkata Subba Reddy	
13				1,00,000	Kunsala Veeranarayana	
14				1,40,000	Sk.Khadar Masthan	
15	800017	09.04.2019	2,00,000	2,00,000	Self	Self
16	800018	22.04.2019	1,35,860	1,35,000	R.Rama Krishna Rao	
		Total	55,36,860	55,36,860		

As seen from the above, that the Special Officer, i.e., Sri J.Rajasekhara Rao, Retired Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Santhamaguluru Mandal, being the Drawing Officer of Elchuru Grama Panchayat drawn and paid the amounts as shown in column no 6 above by way of transfer to benamis including his wife and self. The Special Officer being the Mandal Parishad Development Officer of Santhamaguluru Mandal grossly violated the conduct rules and swallowed the Government funds. Sri J.Rajasekhara Rao Retired Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Santhamaguluru is solely responsible for the embezzlement of public funds.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED AGAINST SRI J RAJASEKHARA RAO, RETIRED MANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MANDAL PRAJA PARISHAD, SANTHAMAGULURU MANDAL OF ERSTWHILE PRAKASAM DISTRICT

1. Petition of the Sri D.Galalah and Sri T.Dhesinga Raju of Elchuru Gram Panchayat, dated: nil.
2 Letter Rc.No.B/127/2022-1, dated 01.04.2022 of the District Collector and Chairman, DWMA, Prakasam District. Ongole.
3. Memo No. 1987760/CPR&RD/A3/2023, dt 17-02- 2023 from the Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P. Vijayawada.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CAHRGES IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED AGAINST SRI J. RAJASEKHARA RAO, RETIRED MANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MANDAL PRAJA PARISHAD, SANTHAMAGULURU MANDAL OF ERSTWHILE PRAKASAM DISTRICT.

Nil

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